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RE: Application Serial No.: 10/076,416

Applicants: Mechthild RIEPING, et al.

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For: PROCESS FOR THE FERMENTATIVE  
PREPARATION OF L-AMINO ACIDS USING  
STRAINS OF THE ENTEROBACTERIACEAE  
FAMILY

Group Art Unit: 1652

Examiner: K.M. KERR

SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

**RESPONSE TO NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT**

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Respectfully submitted,

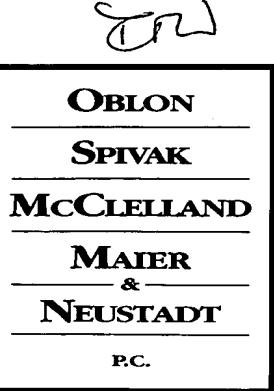
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Responsive to the Notice dated April 21, 2005, an Amendment was filed on December 27, 2004. That Amendment was not entered for the reasons set forth in the Advisory Action dated January 13, 2005. On January 26, 2005, Applicants filed an RCE requesting that the Examiner consider the Amendment filed on December 27, 2004. As a courtesy to the Office, Applicants enclosed a copy of the Amendment filed on December 27, 2004.

Accordingly, Applicants have not filed two Amendments. Rather one Amendment was filed on December 27, 2004, a copy of which was enclosed with the filing of the RCE on January 26, 2005. Accordingly, in view of this explanation, Applicants respectfully submit that the Office can now continue examination of this application on the merits. If any

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additional information is needed, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone directly at (703) 412-7058.

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